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Honorable Richard Helms  
Director, Central Intelligence  
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Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. Helms:

You are cordially invited to witness the second manned Apollo launch now scheduled no earlier than 7:51 a.m. EST, December 21, 1968, at the John F. Kennedy Space Center, Florida.

This lunar orbit mission, designated Apollo 8, will be man's first flight into deep space beyond earth orbit. It will also be the first manned flight of the Saturn V rocket, previously flown on two unmanned Apollo launches. Crewmen for the mission are Frank Borman, Commander; James A. Lovell, Jr., Command Module Pilot; and William A. Anders, Lunar Module Pilot.

We plan a late afternoon flight from Washington to the Kennedy Space Center the day before the launch and an Apollo Program briefing after dinner. Air transportation to the Kennedy Space Center and return will be provided by NASA, with the return flight scheduled approximately three or four hours after lift-off.

I sincerely hope you will be able to attend this launch which represents an important step in our Nation's long-standing goal of making a manned lunar landing next year. A member of my staff will contact your office within the next few days.

With best personal wishes,

Sincerely yours,

T. O. Paine  
Acting Administrator

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